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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2603

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, BE, PFOR

SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN-BELGIAN RELATIONS REMAIN IN TROUGH

REF (A) KINSHASA, 2245 (NOTAL), (B) KINSHASA 2533 (NOTAL),  
(C) KINSHASA 2438, (D) BRUSSELS 2248

1. MOBUTU SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING ZAIRIAN POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING  
MARCH 26 ATTRIBUTED SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERIORATING  
BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS TO BELGIAN AMBASSADOR KERREMANS.  
SAID HIS FALSE AND DEFAMATORY REPORTS CAUSED BELGIAN FONMIN  
TO REQUEST BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING TO PROVIDE DETAILED  
REPORT (REF D) ON MOBUTU'S FAR EASTERN TRIP. SPOKESMAN ALSO  
CHARGED THAT REPORT AND MINUTES OF GOB-SPONSORED MEETING IN BRUSSELS  
ON SITUATION IN ZAIRE REF (A) WERE INSULTING DOCUMENTS WHOSE  
PUBLICATION HAD OFFENDED THREE FRIENDLY POWERS - CHINA, EGYPT  
AND LIBYA - ALL OF WHICH HAD STRONGLY OBJECTED. POLITICAL  
BUREAU REGRETS THAT STRAINED RELATIONS WITH BELGIUM HAVE BEEN  
ATTRIBUTED TO MOBUTU'S PIQUE OVER FAILURE OF KING  
BAUDOUIN TO STOP IN ZAIRE ON RECENT AFRICAN TOUR. HAD HE COME,  
KING WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED. HIS NOT COMING WILL NOT HALT  
ADVANCE OF REVOLUTION. REFERRING FINALLY TO RECENT  
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CREDIT INCREASE TO ZAIRE BY BELGIAN EXPORT GUARANTEE AGENCY

(REF C) FOR ESSENTIAL FOOD AND MEDICINES, SPOKESMAN SAID  
ZAIRE'S CONSEQUENT DECISION TO FORBID USE OF NEW CREDITS FOR  
MEDICINE IMPORTS WOULD HAVE REGRETTABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR  
PRINCIPAL IMPORTER OF BELGIAN PHARMACEUTICALS HERE (DCMP).

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS REPORTED LIBYAN AND EGYPTIAN DENIALS OF  
ALLEGED SUPPORT FOR ZAIRIAN REBELS (REF B), BUT IS UNAWARE OF  
ANY CHINESE REACTION TO PUBLICATION IN SPEICAL OF BELGIAN  
AMBASSADOR'S REPORT FROM PEKING ON MOBUTU'S VISIT. MOBUTU'S  
TACTIC OF ATTACKING AMBASSADOR KERREMANS WITHOUT DEMANDING  
HIS DEPARTURE IS CURIOUS. IT WAS FORESHADOWED IN ARTICLE BY  
WELL-CONNECTED PIERRE DAVISTER WHO SAID IN WEEKLY SPECIAL  
FOR MARCH 19 THAT KERREMANS HAD DEEPLY OFFENDED ZAIRIAN  
AUTHORITIES BUT WOULD NOT BE PNG'D, SIMPLY "FROZEN OUT-  
AND EVENTUALLY RECALLED. END COMMENT.  
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